

Virginia Department of Correctional Education

Fall 2006

## GRANT BOOSTS DCE'S ADULT ESOL EFFORTS SIGNIFICANTLY

DCE's efforts to teach adult students who need English for Speakers of Others Languages (ESOL) recently received a big boost via a grant worth more than \$82,000 from Virginia's Office of Adult Education. The grant will establish ESOL and civics classes in four correctional facilities: Buckingham, Dillwyn, Greensville and Nottoway.

The program, known as "Inside Out," will include the use of

cutting-edge technology in teaching and learning. This includes utilizing instructional software and appropriate materials developed via distance education programs.

There are four essential components of the *Inside Out* program—staff development, ESOL tutor selection and training (inmate tutors), modification or development of two to three instructional modules tailored

to incarcerated adults, and implementation of ESOL instruction in the four pilot sites. "The Office of Adult Education tells us that ESOL programs are the fastest-growing component of the state-administered adult education programs," said DCE's **Judy Philpott**. "And we certainly believe it. This is a much-needed infusion of support for our efforts, and our students will be better served as a result."

#### WAY TO GO DAMITA!



Former DCE student and employee **Damita Owens** received her diploma from Bluefield College President Dan MacMillan. She received a bachelor's degree in organizational management and development through BC's adult degree-completion program. She now works as a counselor to inmates in the New York City Jail on Riikers Island.

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#### ADULT SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Nottoway Date: September 21, 2006 Graphic Communications and Speaker: Delegate Anne Date: August 2, 2006 Printing: 1 Speaker: Douglas M. Vaughan, Crockett-Stark Computer Literacy Program: 2 Warden, Nottoway Correctional FLP: 55 Electricity: 4 Center Pipefitting: 3 ABE: 47 FLP: 19 **GED: 43** Plumbing: 2 Productive Citizenship: 98 **GED: 34** EPA Exam: 23 Fast Track: 61 **Powhatan** Computer Systems Technology: Commercial Foods: 16 Date: September 8, 2006 13 Water/Waste Water: 8 Speaker: Richard Rowlette, CST Advanced Networking: 7 Building Trades: 20 Chief of Security, Powhatan Horticulture: 11 Masonry: 14 Correctional Center Custodial Maintenance: 2 Small Engine Repair: 11 FLP: 13 Estimator: 1 GED: 7 Painting/Drywall: 1 Keen Mountain GED (Powhatan Reception HVAC & Refrigeration: 17 Date: September 22, 2006 Center): 13 Speaker: Dr. Gregory Killough, Advanced HVAC & Productive Citizenship: 19 Superintendent, Wise County Refrigeration: 6 Masonry: 17 **HVAC Excellence Certification: Public Schools** Printing: 15 FLP: 27 Introduction to Computers: 11 PM Technician: 2 College prep: 21 Business Software Application: Residential Construction **GED: 21** Academy - HVAC: 1 Associate's Degree: 1 Computer Literacy: 2 R410a Refrigeration Masonry: 8 Food Safety Apprenticeship: 4 Certification: 3 Electrical: 13 Electrical Maintenance Building Maintenance and Repair Custodial Maintenance: 37 Apprenticeship: 1 Apprenticeship: 12 Plumbing Maintenance Cook Hotel and Restaurant Pulaski Apprenticeship: 1 Apprenticeship: 8 Date: September 28, 2006 Printing Apprenticeship: 18 Cook Mess Apprenticeship: 3 Speaker: Cindy Workman, DCE Baker Apprenticeship: 4 Test Control Officer at Bland Sussex II Correctional Center Date: September 15, 2006 St. Brides **FLP 49** Speaker: DuBois Miller, Date: August 11, 2006 **GED 35** Assistant Superintendent for Speaker: Aaron Knight, Productive Citizenship 99 Academic Programs, Adults computer assisted draftsman, Fast Track-40 FLP: 19 Tidewater area Electricity -37 GED: 9 Communication Arts & Design: **GED: 18** James River FLP: 3 Date: September 29, 2006 Painting & Drywall Graduates: Speaker: Sue Kennon, DCE Computer-assisted drawing: 3 Director of Parenting Programs Carpentry: 1 Custodial Maintenance: 27

FLP: 16

**GED: 17** 

Computer Assisted Drafting: 5

2 DCE TODAY

Bland

Auto Body Repair: 5

Service: 2

Automotive Technology and

#### **ADULT SCHOOL GRADUATIONS - CONTINUED**

Computer Systems Technology: 4
Welding: 40
Welding Apprenticeship: 2
Engineering Apprenticeship: 1
TV & Radio Repair
Apprenticeship: 1
Commercial Foods
Apprenticeship: 1

#### Baskerville

Date: September 29, 2006
Speaker: Mike Salyer, DCE
Training and Development
Coordinator
FLP: 34
GED: 29
Masonry: 13
Business Software Applications: 9
Introduction to Computers: 37
Cook Apprentices: 2
Associates Degree (SVCC): 1
Building Maintenance: 2 (from Southampton Correctional
Center)
Custodial Maintenance: 1 (from

Augusta Correctional Center)

Coffeewood Correctional Center)

Water/Wastewater Treatment: 1

(from Lunenburg Correctional

Floor Covering: 1 (from

#### Haynesville

Center)

Date: October 6, 2006
Speaker: Ms. Paula Fisher,
Director of TRiO Services,
Rappahannock Community
College
FLP: 42
GED: 29
Electrical: 34
Masonry: 12
Upholstery: 13
Barbering/Apprenticeship
Barbering: 17

Computer Systems Technology: 1

Sheet Metal: 1

#### Deep Meadow

Date: October 6, 2006 Speaker: Alton Baskerville, Warden, Deep Meadow Correctional Center FLP: 6 GED: 9 Productive Citizenship: 21 Computer Literacy: 20 Small Engine Repair: 13 Tutor Training Certificate Program: 20

#### Southampton

Date: October 14, 2006 Speaker: Dr. Christopher Colville, Assistant Superintendent for Adult Operations FLP: 20 FLP (Southampton Work Center): 4 GED:24 Automotive Service and Technology (C-1): 5 Automotive Service and Technology (C-2): 2 Building and Maintenance Repair: 29 Carpentry (C-1): 13 Carpentry (C-2): 6

#### **Brunswick**

Electricity: 8

Date: October 20, 2006 Speaker: **Dr. Christopher Colville**, Assistant Superintendent for Adult Operations FLP: 5 GED: 10 Auto Body Repair: 17 Automotive Service and Technology: 11 Advanced Automotive Service and Technology: 1 Business Software Applications: Custodial Maintenance/ Sanitation: 1 Drafting/CAD: 1 Introduction to Computers: 20 Upholstery/Furniture: 5 Advanced Upholstery/ Automotive: 1 Plumber Apprenticeship: 1 Furniture Upholsterer Apprenticeship: 1 Associate in Applied Science College Degree: 1 Association of Science College Degree: 1

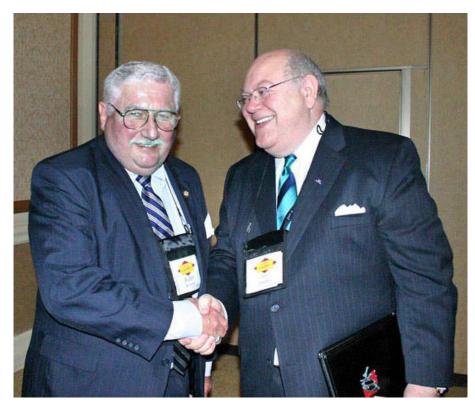


Bachelor of Arts Degree: 1

Ms. Paula Fisher, left, Director of TRiO Services at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw served as keynote speaker at the annual graduation at Haynesville Correctional Center.



#### MCFARLANE INSTALLED AS VCA PRESIDENT



DCE Superintendent Walter A. "Mac" McFarlane recently took over as president of the Virginia Correctional Association, an affiliate of the American Correctional Association. He was officially installed during the VCA conference held in Richmond. Here, he gets a congratulatory handshake from Jim Gondoles, Jr., executive director of the ACA, who attended the conference and installation ceremonies. Earlier this year, Mr. McFarlane was elected to the ACA's Board of Governors.

## VIRGINIA CURE HONORS MCFARLANE

Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants – Virginia, Inc., CURE, recently honored DCE Superintendent Walter A. "Mac" McFarlane during its 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference. McFarlane received the "Outstanding Service in

Government Award" during ceremonies in Arlington. Mr. McFarlane served as keynote and opening speaker for the event themed "Education is Key - Exploring the Effects of Education on Delinquency, Incarceration, and Recidivism."

# WEBSITE FEATURES CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION

The Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center focused on correctional education and especially DCE in its Fall 2006 edition of Progress. Visit www. valrc.org to find the newsletter in PDF format by clicking the link listed as *Progress Fall 2006*.

#### DCE HITS SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUND-RAISING GOAL WITH RECORD DRIVE

#### Submitted by Murray Ellison

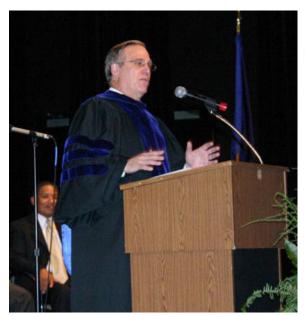
DCE has exceeded its Special Olympics fundraising goal of \$5,000 in the late fall According to my records, this is the highest amount that DCE has raised! Thanks to our top DCE SOVA fund raisers: Marilyn Harris of Smyth School, Judy Redmon of Sussex II, Jenny Crandall of Haynesville, Angel Randell

of St Brides , Jay Truex and Elizabeth Jones of Mastin, Ed Farmer of RDC, Diane Wilkins of Chesterfield Women's Diversion Center and Linda Audet of Stafford Diversion. Also thanks to Chris Colville, Anna Ferrell, Janeen Brown(her son Chris), Frances Brown, and Norris Williams of Central Office. Thanks to Arlene

**Greene** (formerly **Zuzick**), who is still helping us with fund raising – even though, she is not currently our DCE employee.

We will have the Polar Plunge at Virginia Beach in early and chilly 2007. Please stay posted for further details.

## **CONVOCATION SCENES**



Virginia's Secretary of Public Education, Dr. **Thomas R. Morris**, left, was among the featured guests at this year's annual convocation.

Others included the Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall, and, pictured at right, Wheel of Fortune's own, Vanna White, otherwise known as Judy Philpott.





Four DCE youth school teachers were awarded the **Technology Excellence Award 2006** by the Academic Programs Division. The following teachers were selected by their principals to receive this prestigious award: **Shannon Lynne**, English teacher, Paul S. Blandford HS Annex, **Elizabeth Tutwyler**, mathematics teacher, Paul S. Blandford HS Annex, **Nicholas LeReche**, special education teacher, W. Hamilton Crockford HS Annex, **Zachary Nix**, social studies teacher, Thunder Ridge HS. Teachers must meet certain criteria to earn the award and exemplify excellence in teaching with instructional technologies. Teacher use of technology is an important component in helping DCE students master difficult concepts and to engage students in active learning. From left to right (front row, Award winners): Shannon Lynne, Elizabeth Tutwyler, Nicholas LeReche, and Zachary Nix. From left to right (back row): **Claude "Andy" Harris**, former acting principal, Paul S. Blandford HS, Dr. **Mary Stone**, principal, Paul S. Blandford HS Annex. **Annette Andrews**, principal, W. Hamilton Crockford HS and HS Annex, **Joseph Hawes**, principal, Thunder Ridge HS.

### SCIENCE FAIR IS A HIT AT JOSEPH T. MASTIN HIGH SCHOOL



Mrs. Julie Harvie, a middlle school teacher, takes a moment to assess one of her student's exhibits displayed recently at her school She served as sponsor for the Science Fair held at J. T. Mastin High School.

#### Submitted by Eileen Goddin

The first Joseph T. Mastin Science Fair was held on Monday, August 7, 2006 in the Library.

Students in the seventh and eighth grade science classes utilized the scientific method to develop a science experiment of their choosing and completed the experiment as a demonstration to their classmates.

They continued to monitor their experiments and analyzed the progress over the next week to obtain their results. The students designed a display board of their information in which they identified the problem they were trying to solve, the materials used, the variables of their experiment, the hypothesis of the experiment, the procedure followed, the results they obtained, a graph of the results, and the conclusion of their experiment.

During the course of the project, the students used Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Print Shop computer software programs. The

projects allowed the students to have a hands-on experience to reinforce the scientific investigation Standards of Learning (PS.1 a-n and LS.1 a -j).

The students presented their projects to classmates and guests prior to the awards ceremony.

The science fair was sponsored by Mrs. J. Harvie. We are greatful to the judges for the competition, Mrs. Goddin, Mrs. Smith-Williams, Mrs. Sullivan, and Dr. Claire. They did a wonderful job!

#### **CAMP COBRA KEEPS ITS BITE**





DCE, in cooperation with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), held its annual "Camp Cobra" at Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center on July 28. Sgt. First Class Lynette White of Petersburg (above) gave some pointers to a cadet during a lull in the action while other cadets received instruction in first aid (lower left) and teamwork (lower right). The military camp is the first of its kind in the nation, and an activity of the school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Camp Cobra culminated with a graduation ceremony in the gymnasium at Hanover DCE's Smyth School. Major Vera Rhyne a chaplain with the United States Army Reserves, served as keynote speaker.



# Department of Correctional Education 2006 Service Award Recipients

#### 5 Years

Nancy C. Archie Trainer Instructor II Fluvanna Anna M. Baker Wallens Ridge Trainer Instructor II Charlene T. Easter Human Resource Analyst II Central Office, HR Sadie C. Hawthorne Trainer Instructor II Lunenburg Hugh M. Leavell Trainer Instructor II Thunder Ridge Rebecca M. Stewart GA Supervisor I/Coordinator I Powhatan

Angelia R. Templeton Financial Services Specialist I Central Office, Finance

#### 10 Years

W. Hamilton Crockford Medora J. Bassette Administrative and Office Specialist III Baskerville Brenda J. Blackwell Trainer Instructor II Stacey L. Brown Trainer Instructor II Cedar Mountain Dwayne E. Bullard Trainer Instructor I Paul S. Blandford Gregory L. Campbell, Jr. Trainer Instructor II Thunder Ridge Cathy S. Chittum Administrative and Office Specialist III Thunder Ridge William L. Ema Trainer Instructor II Coffeewood Everett R. Foxx Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Annex Carneil L. Garner Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Carolyn H. Goudie Trainer Instructor II Nottoway Marvin L. Grooms Trainer Instructor II Fluvanna Robert W. Hinkle, Jr. Trainer Instructor II Thunder Ridge Paul S. Blandford Annex Margarett A. Howard Trainer Instructor I Everett B. Jones Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Annex Aurora C. Mebrahtu Trainer Instructor II John H. Smyth Vonda C. Mullins Red Onion Trainer Instructor II Wendy R. Ogburn GA Supervisor 1/Coordinator I Deerfield W. Hamilton Crockford Trainer Instructor II Timothy B. Pennie George J. Peoples Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Annex Trainer Instructor II Linda F. Quimby Thunder Ridge Michael L. Rivers W. Hamilton Crockford Trainer Instructor I Gale T. Robinson Trainer Instructor II John H. Smyth Earthalyn R. Sellers Trainer Instructor II John H. Smyth Robert L. Strothers Trainer Instructor II Cedar Mountain Javerne B. Threatte Trainer Instructor II Brunswick Joseph T. Mastin Annex Jav R. Truex Trainer Instructor II Beatrice L. White Education Administrator II Paul S. Blandford

#### 15 Years

Trainer Instructor II Keen Mountain Hubert J. Cyphers James E. Deal Trainer Instructor II Greensville John P. Donohue Trainer Instructor II Baskerville George D. Erps Education Administrator III Appalachian Trainer Instructor II Indian Creek Randall G. Estes Susan J. Gillette Trainer Instructor II Deerfield

#### 2006 Service Award Recipients (continued)

Gayle L. Hill Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Annex Donna P. Jett **RDC** Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Annex Sabr B. Kenyatta Trainer Instructor II Enoch A. Morrison Trainer Instructor II **RDC** Bradley D. Moyer Trainer Instructor II Greensville James T. Nicholson Trainer Instructor II Lunenburg Tawanna J. Oliver Education Administrator II Joseph T. Mastin Annex Susan M. Ragsdale Architect/Engineer I Central Office, CT&E Trainer Instructor II Jean W. Rudisill Pulaski Sandra D. Shands Trainer Instructor II Greensville Joe A. Shrader Trainer Instructor II Bland

#### 20 Years

William L. Barksdale Trainer Instructor II Nottoway Mary G. Bradley Trainer Instructor II Joseph T. Mastin Lucious Crenshaw Trainer Instructor II Paul S. Blandford Gwynne E. Cunningham Education Coordinator I Central Office, CT&E Carol F. Eller Trainer Instructor II Brunswick James E. Fauber Trainer Instructor II Augusta Charles E. Harris, Jr. Trainer Instructor II Central Office, CT&E Carol L. Maxwell Trainer Instructor II Deep Meadow Carolyn W. McCormick Administrative and Office Specialist III Augusta Education Administrator III Jacqueline L. Nelson Central Office, Academics Judy R. Philpott Central Office, Academics Education Administrator III Raymond R. Ratliff Trainer Instructor II Bland Winona C. Wade Administrative and Office Specialist III Nottoway Nancy A. Wilcox Trainer Instructor II St. Brides

#### 25 Years

Linda M. DetwilerGA Supervisor I/Coordinator IBrunswickJames D. Pope, Jr.Education Administrator IIIDeerfieldLee A. StephensonTrainer Instructor IIW. Hamilton CrockfordJames C. Williams, Jr.Trainer Instructor IISouthamptonMary F. YoungAdministrative and Office Specialist IIIHaynesville

#### 30 Years

Roy L. Belfield Trainer Instructor II Powhatan Jeffrey B. Debord Trainer Instructor II Marion Central Office, Purchasing Annabelle S. Ferrell Procurement Officer I Donna B. Gathright Trainer Instructor II Fluvanna Jean D. Hall Administrative and Office Specialist III Bland Raymond R. McMichael Trainer Instructor II St. Brides Sharon H. Trimmer Education Administrator III Central Office, Academics William C. Valentine Trainer Instructor II Deerfield Elaine Wise Human Resource Analyst I Central Office, HR

## 2006 Service Award Recipients (continued)

#### 35 Years

Patricia A. Ennis Andrew E. Jackson, Sr. Myra E. Miller GA Supervisor I/Coordinator I Education Administrator III Trainer Instructor II Central Office Central Office, CT&E James River

#### 40 Years

Edelyn D. Ferguson (retired)

Trainer Instructor II

Greensville



Edelyn D. Ferguson, a former teacher at Greensville Correctional Center recently retired after giving 40 years of service to the Commonweath of Virginia. He is flanked during recent award ceremonies by DCE Superintendent Walter A. "Mac" McFarlane and DCE Board Chair Felipe Cabacoy.

## **RETIREMENTS**

December 2006: James Williams (Southampton CC) Carpentry Instructor 25 years 2 months of VRS service time

January 2007:

Curtis Hackney (J. T. Mastin High School) Technology Education Instructor 30 years of VRS service time

Wayne McPeak (Bland CC)
Academic Instructor
33 years 4 months of VRS service time
Javerne McPeters (Brunswick CC)
Academic Instructor
13 years of VRS service time

February 2007:

Cynthia Smith-Williams (J. T. Mastin High School) Principal

15 years of VRS service time



#### **CAUGHT!**

Behind the scenes at Haynesville Correctional Center was **Jennifer Crandall**, an academic teacher at the school. She is a person known for making contributions with little fanfare.

She made a big contribution to the Virginia Association of Correctional Education and for her efforts she was recognized during the annual VACE Conference.

#### **RETIRING WITH GRACE**

DCE recently said good-bye to a long-time employee, Grace Hawkins, who served with distinction at the W. Hamilton Crockford School at the Oak Ridge Juvenile Correctional Center in Bon Air. A 31-year veteran of correctional education, she was named the agency's Administrator of the Year in the spring. Shown here on the left, she receives words of praise from her facility superintendent, Kathryn Dickerson.



#### DCE MOURNS LOSS OF SANDRA THROCKMORTON

DCE recently lost a long-time employee, **Sandra H. Bowen Throckmorton**, who died October 5, 2006. She was librarian at Indian Creek Correctional Center. While with DCE she was SAC representative for 10 years

and CVC campaign representative for eight years.

She was a graduate of Crestwood High School and Norfolk State University where she received her bachelor's degree in English. She initially taught in the Suffolk School System and was the head librarian at Highland Springs High School in Richmond. She leaves behind one daughter, **Angela Marie Throckmorton**. She will be missed by many.

## DCE Today

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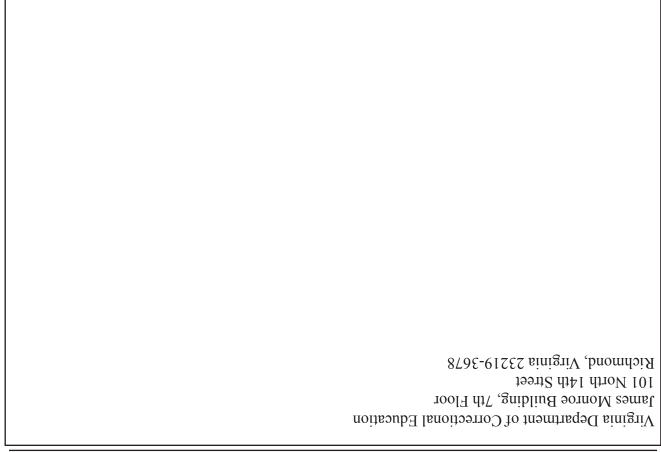
## Contribute to DCE Today

Something great happening at your school? Contact **Win Sisson** and let everybody know! Seeking story ideas, pictures and written submissions.

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## **Important Dates**

January 10, 2007: General Assembly Opens

January 25, 2007: Teacher Work Day (Youth Schools)

February 19-23, 2007: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Expressions Art Show

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